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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Jack LILIEN *et al.*

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PROTEIN INTERACTIONS

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### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please enter the following amendments to the claims. These amendments are being made to reduce the filing fees. It is understood that it is proper to adjust the filing fee, if not paid at the time of filing, if the number of claims is reduced by the time the filing fee is paid in response to a "Notice to File Missing Parts..."

### IN THE CLAIMS:

**[A full set of claims appears below, including retained (unamended) claims]**

Please amend the claims as follows: